



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirements

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). 44 U.S.C. 3056(c)(2)(A). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Wage and Hour Division is soliciting comments concerning its proposal to extend Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the Information

Collection: Regulations 29 CFR Part 547, Requirements of a “Bona Fide Profit-Thrift of Savings Plan” and Regulations 29 CFR Part 549, Requirements of a “Bona Fide Profit-Sharing Plan or Trust”. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235-0013, by either one of the following methods: E-mail: WHDPRAComments@dol.gov; Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier: Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via e-mail or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ziegler, Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Section 7(e)(3)(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act permits the exclusion from an employee's regular rate of pay, payments on behalf of an employee to a "bona fide" thrift or savings plan, profit-sharing plan or trust. Regulations, 29 CFR Parts 547 and 549 set forth the requirements for what constitutes a "bona fide" thrift or savings plan, profit-sharing plan or trust. The maintenance of the records required by the regulations enables Department of Labor investigators to determine whether contributions to a given thrift or savings plan, profit-sharing plan or trust may be excluded in calculating the regular rate of pay for overtime purposes in compliance with section 7(e)(3)(b) of the FLSA. Without these records, such a determination could not be made. This information collection is currently approved for use through January 2015.

II. Review Focus: The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions: The DOL seeks an approval for the extension of this information collection that requires the keeping of records by employers as necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Act.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Wage and Hour Division.

Title: Requirements of a Bona Fide Thrift or Savings Plan (29 CFR Part 547) and Requirements of a Bona Fide Profit-Sharing Plan or Trust (29 CFR Part 549).

OMB Control Number: 1235-0013

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms.

Total Respondents: 523,500

Total Annual Responses: 523,500

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 291

Estimated Time per Response: 30-45 minutes

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Burden Costs (operation/maintenance): \$0

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection and will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 3, 2014.

Mary Ziegler,

Director, Division of Regulation, Legislation, and Interpretation.

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